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For: **WATERPROOF CLADDING**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is being contemporaneously filed as the application papers in the above identified application. Entry of the amendments presented herein, consideration of the accompanying remarks, and reconsideration of the grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments to the outstanding claims:

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1.(Amended) A cladding on a partially-overhanging substrate which comprises, in sequence starting from the substrate;

[(i)] a drainage means;